

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5512**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING GOVERNOR INSLEE'S PROCLAMATION 20-19.1 EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY EVICTIONS AND EXPANDING TENANT PROTECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten life and health of people as well as the economy;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had, and continues to have, drastic economic repercussions in the State of Washington due to the severe decline in commercial and small business activities that make Washington State's economy thrive;

WHEREAS, many of our workforce expect to be impacted by these layoffs and substantially reduced work hours are anticipated, which will disproportionately affect low and moderate income workers resulting in lost wages and potentially the inability to pay for basic household expenses, including rent;

WHEREAS, the inability to pay rent increases the likelihood of eviction from homes, increasing the life, health, and safety risks to a large portion of our population from the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, tenants, residents, and renters who are not materially affected by COVID-19 should and must continue to pay rent, to avoid unnecessary and avoidable economic hardship to landlords, property owners, and property managers who are economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Governor Inslee proclaimed a temporary moratorium on residential evictions, which moratorium prohibited residential landlords from serving a notice of unlawful detainer for default payment of rent and from issuing a 20-day notice for unlawful detainer, unless the landlord attached an affidavit attesting that the action is believed necessary to ensure the health and safety of the tenant or other individuals;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor issued Emergency Proclamation 2020-03 supporting the Governor's Order and providing additional protections for City of Auburn residential tenants by imposing 30-day moratorium on residential tenant late fees related to delinquent payments;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020, the Governor extended the temporary moratorium on residential evictions to include commercial rental properties and also expanded protections for both residential and commercial tenants in Washington by prohibiting: (a) landlords, property owners, and property managers from serving or enforcing any notice requiring a resident to vacate any dwelling or parcel of land occupied as a dwelling; (b) landlords, property owners, and property managers from seeking or enforcing judicial eviction orders or agreements to vacate any dwelling or parcel of land occupied as a dwelling; (c) law enforcement from serving or acting upon eviction orders; (d) landlords, property owners, and property managers from assessing late fees for the non-payment of rent or late payment of rent; and (e) landlords, property owners, and property managers from increasing the rate of rent or the amount of any deposit, amongst other actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN,  
WASHINGTON, RESOLVES as follows:

**Section 1.** The Auburn City Council and Mayor recognize and support Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-19.1 expanding protections for both residential and commercial tenants in Washington through statewide action and find that this Proclamation is in the best interest of the people in the City of Auburn.

**Section 2.** This Resolution will take effect and be in full force on passage and signatures.

Dated and Signed: April 20, 2020


CITY OF AUBURN

  
NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Shawn Campbell, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Kendra Comeau, City Attorney